

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 31, 2003**

**SCAG Offices  
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Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.**

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices in downtown Los Angeles, California. There was a quorum.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair William Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor William Alexander, **Chair**  
Councilmember Paul Bowlen  
Councilmember Edward Burgnon  
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid  
Councilmember Betty DeSantis  
Councilmember Alta E. Duke, **Vice-chair**  
Mayor Ronald Loveridge  
Councilmember Keith McCarthy  
Mayor Kathryn McCullough  
Mayor John McTaggart  
Councilmember Efren J. Moreno, Jr.  
Councilmember Paul Nowatka  
Mayor Bev Perry  
Councilmember Marsha Ramos  
Councilmember Laura Richardson-Batts  
Councilmember M. Jo Shields  
Mayor Charles White  
Councilmember Bob Yousefian

SANBAG Subregion  
City of Cerritos  
SANBAG Subregion  
SGVCOG Subregion  
Las Virgenes Malibu Conejo COG  
City of La Palma  
City of Riverside  
City of Downey  
OCCOG Subregion  
South Bay Cities COG  
San Gabriel Valley COG  
City of Torrance  
City of Brea  
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion  
City of Long Beach  
City of Brawley  
WRCOG Subregion  
City of Glendale

## **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Councilmember Melanie Andrews  
Mayor Ken Blackwood  
Councilmember Gary Bosworth  
Supervisor Robert Buster  
Councilmember Jeff Comerchero  
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza  
Councilmember Bart Doyle  
Councilmember Josie Gonzales  
Councilmember Wendy Greuel  
Councilmember Manuel Guillen  
Councilmember Janice Hahn  
Councilmember Susan Longville  
Councilmember Alex Padilla  
Councilmember Jan Perry  
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard  
Councilmember Ed Reyes  
Councilmember Deborah Robertson  
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran

City of Compton  
City of Lomita  
CVAG Subregion  
County of Riverside  
WRCOG Subregion  
City of Palmdale  
City of Sierra Madre  
SANBAG Subregion  
City of Los Angeles  
Gateway Cities COG  
City of Los Angeles  
SANBAG Subregion  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Oxnard  
City of Los Angeles  
SANBAG Subregion  
OCCOG Subregion

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. Todd Priest of Building Industry Association of Southern California brought to the Committee's attention a non-agenda item, Senate Bill 18 (John Burton-D) similar to last year's Senate Bill 1828. Senate Bill 18 creates a different status or recognition to Native American Tribes in California giving them more control over land-use decisions in California.

Mr. Priest reflected on the industry's belief that Native American sites that are considered significant and have religious aspects should be protected. But as the bill is currently written, it is extremely broad in defining Native American sites. Whether it was a place where people once lived buried, or what the actual significance of that property might be.

Mr. Priest asked the Committee to keep an eye on this bill and see if there are reasons why SCAG might want to take a position on this bill. Mr. Priest added that the bill has broad ramifications on any planning that goes on in Southern California, whether it's for housing, construction of commercial complexes, or roads.

Mr. Vince Bertoni of City of Santa Clarita also gave his comments on Senate Bill 18. Mr. Bertoni is opposed to Senate Bill 18 unless amended.

The Chair thanked Mr. Priest and Mr. Bertoni for their comments.

### **3.0 EMERGENCY AGENDIZED ITEM**

#### **3.1 Senate Bill 18**

The members, in a discussion, requested SCAG staff to immediately report on the status of Senate Bill 18.

Mr. Alfredo B. Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG, after checking on the status of Senate Bill 18, confirmed that SB 18 is definitely moving quickly.

**Motion to Agendize Senate Bill 18 were MOVED (White), SECONDED (McCullough) and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

**Urgency Reason: The knowledge of Senate Bill 18 moving fast and will go before the Senate and the Governor before the next CEHD meeting, the Committee needed to take an action in order to get the Committee's voice on record.**

**Action to table votes of opposition on this item because of reasons given:** Mayor White MOVED to table the motion. Councilmember McCullough SECONDED the motion. There were **10 yes votes** and **4 no votes**, with **2 abstentions**.

**ACTION:** It was MOVED (Loveridge) and SECONDED (White) AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to oppose Senate Bill 18 unless amended. The amendments are to be consistent with those that are being requested by the League of California Cities and the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. Senate Bill 18 is to be forwarded to the Regional Council as an emergency agenda item.

### **4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Perry), SECONDED (DeSantis) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **4.1 Approval Items**

##### **4.1.1 Minutes of the June 5, 2003 Meeting**

#### **4.2 Receive and File**

##### **4.2.1 HOME Grants and In-fill Housing Opportunities Workshop**

##### **4.2.2 CEHD Legislative Matrix**

## **5.0 ACTION ITEM**

### **5.1 RTP Completion**

Ms. Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development made everyone aware of the difficulties at the State level for the State Budget causing delay on the RTP Update Schedule. Ms. Harris informed the Committee that as of July 30, 2003, SCAG is able to make a commitment to get the Draft RTP out in October 2003, therefore amending the recommendation to accept the release of the Draft RTP in October 2003.

**ACTION:** It was MOVED (Burgnon) and SECONDED (Perry) AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to **adopt amended recommendation to accept the release of the Draft RTP in October 2003.**

## **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Housing Implementation Strategies Pilot Program**

Ms. Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development at SCAG, introduced Dr. Rex Swanson and Jason Kamm of SK Metro Corp., the consultants for this project.

Dr. Swanson discussed the program's intent to assist communities in producing housing in a way that adds value to regional investment in transportation and other infrastructure. SK Metro Corp. distilled strategies and tools already produced by SCAG and applied them at the sub-regional and local level to produce housing. SK Metro Corp. then created action plans for the production of housing in a series of specific. Intended efforts will enhance the efficient coordination of land use planning and infrastructure investment to produce measurable progress by increasing the production of housing in key places in the SCAG Region. The cities selected were Long Beach, Hawthorne, Covina, El Monte, Upland, and Santa Ana.

### **6.2 Legislation HR 1841 (Section 8) Housing Assistance for Needy Families Act of 2003**

Mr. Alfredo B. Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG reminded the CEHD Committee that at the June 5, 2003 meeting, Committee members requested that House Resolution 1841 "The Housing Assistance for Needy Families Act of 2003" be reviewed and brought before the Committee for discussion.

The Housing Assistance for Needy Families Act of 2003 (HANF) is a measure developed by President Bush's Administration and introduced by Representative Bob Ney (R-OH) under HR 1841. HANF would convert the Federal Housing Choice Voucher Program, also known as "Section 8," to a block grant program administered by state governments.

Mr. Gonzalez informed the Committee that after careful review, the Government Affairs Staff has determined that HR 1841 is not relevant to SCAG's legislative program. Therefore, the bill is being brought to the Committee only as an information item.

### **6.3 Senate Bill 491 (Ducheny) Housing Element Postponement**

Mr. Alfredo B. Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer at SCAG reported that since the June 5, 2003 CEHD meeting the bill has been significantly amended to reflect the one-year postponement for all Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) cycles to all the agencies charged with the mandate. On July 14, 2003, the governor signed the bill delaying the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update, thereby delaying it statewide by one year; extending the fourth revision for local jurisdictions housing elements and requiring local governments within SCAG to complete their revisions by June 30, 2006.

### **6.4 Job/Housing Balance Incentive Grants**

Mr. Darryl Taylor, Associate Planner at SCAG, informed the Committee that approximately \$25 million was awarded to communities meeting the calendar year 2001 production thresholds set for incentive grants by the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). Cities and counties were eligible to claim incentive funds if they had (1) adopted a housing element by the end 2001 that HCD had determined to be in substantial compliance with state housing element law, and (2) issued residential building permits exceeding a specified threshold number.

The incentive funds can be used for capital projects or purchases benefiting the community. Most of the incentive funds claimed were used for community development activities, neighborhood parks, and public infrastructure. More information can be obtained by visiting <http://housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/jhbig/>

### **6.5 State Department of Housing and Community Development Social/Economic Data**

Mr. Jacob Lieb, Senior Regional Planner at SCAG, gave the Committee an update on forecast numbers that the State Department of Housing and Community Development thought the SCAG Region should have achieved through the Regional Housing Needs numbers that CEHD Committee adopted in 2000.

Mr. Lieb presented an overview of where the SCAG Region is in terms of households in 2003, five years into the seven and a half-Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) cycle. Mr. Lieb concluded that while there is still problems in household formation in the SCAG Region, it is not related to supply. Units get built in the SCAG Region and therefore, by a margin, not related to constraints that are put on the supply by local governments, which is the purpose of the Regional Housing Needs Program.

## **6.6 Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report**

Mayor Bev Perry, Chair of the Growth Visioning Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee is dark for the summer and will resume on September 25, 2003. As to the Growth Visioning progress, Mayor Perry informed the Committee that the FY 03 – 04 contract with Fregonese Calthorpe Associates has been executed. The analysis of the Spring COMPASS Workshops is underway. Strategies are being developed for the fall round of COMPASS Workshops with five to six high-profile Workshops of which some information will be contributing to the 2004 RTP including the Scenario Development.

## **6.7 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update of Litigation**

Attorney Colin Lennard, SCAG Legal Counsel, announced moving Closed Session Item 9.0 – Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) lawsuit to Information Item because nothing has happened with the case since the Committee's June 5, 2003 meeting.

SCAG Legal Counsel will report back to the Committee regarding the Court's final judgment.

## **7.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair did not have a report at this meeting.

## **8.0 STAFF REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Bev Perry passed around to each member a SCAG Task Force / Committee / Subcommittee Appointment Form. Mayor Perry instructed the Committee members to complete and submit the form to Ms. Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant to the Regional Council.

Mayor Perry asked and encouraged members only to sign-up with Task Force / Committee / Sub-committee members can attend meetings to.

## **9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items scheduled at this meeting.

## **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2003 at SCAG.

Signed:



Lynn Harris  
Manager, Community Development